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Title : Regional Cancer Centre at Madurai.

SHRI P. MOHAN : Cancer is a dreaded disease and for its specialized treatment patients have to go either to Kanchipuram or Chennai which are in thenorthern end of Tamilnadu State. There is no regional cancer centre in South Tamilnadu.

Government Rajaji Hospital attached to Madurai Medical College, is situated at the centre of South Tamilnadu. Besides this institution attracts around ten thousands new cancer cases every year. Generally more than fifty thousand cancer patients are being treated every year in this institution. This Hospital has got more than hundred beds for the management of cancer patients.

This institution has got all the departments of cancer management namely

Department of Surgical Oncology, Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology. Qualified Professors in the corresponding specialities lead these departments with qualified assistant professors which is unique feature of this hospital.

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*English translation of the speech originally delivered in Tamil

The department of Radiation Oncology is blessed with full-fledged teletherapy unit. it requires only a brachy therapy unit to be completed as Regional Cancer Centre. Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai mainly serves the need the of poor and middle class cancer patients who cannot afford costly private treatment. Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai has also been selected as nodal centre for NationalCancer Control Programme by the Government of India.

Hence I urge upon the Union Government to have at Madurai a Regional

Cancer Centre at the earliest.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri P.C. Thomas, you are allowed to raise only one matter.